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available to the hon. Members during their stay here in connection with the sessions of the legislature and I am trying my best to improve the position. I hope that with the co-operation of the House Committee and also with the co-operation of the Members, we will be able to arrive at a satisfactory formula so that hon. Members may feel quite at home during their stay here."

MR. SPEAKER :—" One hon. Member wanted to know about first-aid arrangements in the hostel."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have passed orders for a doctor to be posted to the Hostel. But there is some difficulty with reference to the selection of personnel. Many people, after offering themselves for the post, finally dropped out. But I shall try my best to get a doctor posted to the Hostel."

SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—" I wanted a common room for the new block."

MR. SPEAKER :—" For all the Members? "

SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—" For the Members of the new block."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It will be considered. Now, the question is—

'That, with reference to rule 157 of the Madras Assembly Rules, the House do proceed to elect eleven members to be members of the House Committee for the financial year 1954–55.' "

The motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" In accordance with the regulations framed by me for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 3 p.m. on Friday, the 26th March 1954, as the time within which nomination papers of candidates for election to the House Committee should reach the Secretary. Nomination forms can be had on application to the Secretary.

" The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at 4 p.m. on Friday, the 26th March 1954. I also fix 3 p.m. on Tuesday, the 30th March 1954 as the last hour and date for the withdrawal of candidature.

" If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, namely eleven, a poll will be taken on Friday, the 2nd April 1954 between the hours of 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m."

(3) ELECTION OF FOURTEEN MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I move—

'That, with reference to rule 138 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker, to elect fourteen members to be members of the Committee on Public Accounts for the financial year 1954–55.' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That, with reference to rule 138 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker, to elect fourteen members to be members of the Committee on Public Accounts for the financial year 1954–55.' "

The motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" In accordance with the regulations framed by me for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 3 p.m. on Saturday, the 27th March 1954, as the time within which nomination papers of candidates for election to the Committee on Public Accounts should reach the Secretary. Nomination forms can be had on application to the Secretary.

" The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at 4 p.m. at Saturday, the 27th March 1954. I also fix 3 p.m. on Tuesday, the 30th March 1954, as the last hour and date for the withdrawal of candidature.

" If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, namely, fourteen, a poll will be taken on Saturday, the 3rd April 1954 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m."

III.—PRESENTATION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE SECOND SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR 1953–54.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I present the Supplementary Statement of Demands for Grants for further expenditure for the second six months of the current financial year 1953–54 and Detailed Estimates thereof.

" Copies of the Statement of Demands and the Estimates have been laid on the table of the House.

" The original Budget Estimates for the second six months of 1953–54 were presented to the legislature in December 1953. The estimates were framed largely with the data and materials obtained from Estimating Officers prior to the partition of the State and so they were only approximate. A revised estimate for the period was accordingly prepared and intimated to the Legislature on the 26th February 1954, along with the Budget Estimates for the next year. Supplementary appropriation will have to be obtained to cover the excess expenditure provided for in the Revised Estimates, taking also the other factors that have been brought to light, after the preparation of the Revised Estimates.

" As explained in the Introductory Memorandum, the present Supplementary Estimates relate to—

(a) Schemes of expenditure already provided for in the Budget Estimates for the second six months of 1953–54 for which additional provision is now required with reference to the expenditure already incurred or expected to be incurred before the end of the year; and